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DETROIT FUHRER BOASTS OF SUPPORT FROM U. S. CONGRESSMEN

Ex-Silver Shirter Gerald L. K. Smith Names Senator Robert Reynolds, Senator Gerald Nye and Congressman Roy Woodruff as Being Among His Stauncest Adherents

On February 21 The Hour revealed that Gerald L. K. Smith, expert pro-Axis rabble-rouser, former aide to jailbird William Dudley Pelley and now fuehrer of the fascist "Committee of One Million," had formed in Detroit, Michigan, a secret group called The Inner Circle. The purpose of Smith's cabal, we reported, was "to serve as a brain trust for the anti-democratic, disruptive program with which Fifth Columnist Smith seeks to undermine American morale and hamper the war effort of this country."

Early in March, The Inner Circle launched its initial project: a monthly magazine, The Cross and The Flag, edited by Gerald L. K. Smith. The seditious, defeatist character of the magazine is adequately indicated by the titles of a few of the articles in the first issue: "Union With Britain -- International conspirators seek to destroy America's sovereignty in the name of wartime emergency and peacetime chaos"; "Will Refugees Take the Jobs Left Vacant By the Soldiers?"; "The Cliveden Set -- Is President Roosevelt being used by the Red smear artists?"; "Sir Stafford Cripps -- Whose man is he? Churchill's or Stalin's?"

Congressmen Endorse The Cross and The Flag

Smith is now mailing around the country a yellow leaflet soliciting private subscriptions for his fascist publication. Written in the form of a letter, the leaflet opens with this scarcely self-effacing comment: "My dear Fellow American: The Cross and The Flag is the name of a new fearless and dynamic crusading magazine, of which I am the editor."

The extraordinary feature of this leaflet is that it quotes from letters sent to Smith by Senators Reynolds and Nye, enthusiastically welcoming the appearance of his Fifth Column magazine. According to the document, Senator Reynolds, ruddy-faced Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, wrote to Naziphile Smith on March 23, saying:

"Let me congratulate you with my full heart upon your first edition. It is well you did it in black and white. It is just the right size; it hits the bull's eye with

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every paragraph; it is straight from the shoulder; it is gotten up in a conservative manner; it should have its appeal; it speaks the truth.

"We have arrived at the hour when we must have more 'two-fisted' talking and real action. America must be saved and America must be saved for Americans."

And Senator Nye, in a letter dated March 26, remarks: "I have received Issue No. 1 of the new magazine. It is excellently done."

A third congressman endorsing Smith's latest contribution to Axis propaganda is Representative Roy Woodruff of Michigan, affectionately characterized by Smith as "an American above reproach, a patriotic citizen loved and revered by every good American who knows him."

Congressman Woodruff, as the ex-Silver Shifter No. 3223 proudly announces, was so impressed with the first issue of The Cross and The Flag that he inserted the whole of its leading editorial into the Congressional Record on March 26. In proof of this fact, Smith attaches to the leaflet a reprint of his editorial as it appeared in the Record. Here are some typical passages from the editorial, which is entitled "We Take Our Stand":

"... we assert that even though America is at war we old-fashioned Americans do not propose to be city-slicked by boondoggling bureaucratic politicians, Communists, British Imperialists ..., and a thousand and one other porch climbers, confidence men, and snake-oil salesmen who are working day and night on conspiracies designed to compel us to swallow a hundred poison pills in the name of wartime emergencies. ... We are talking about bureaucratic fakers, brain-trust screwballs and political mechanics whose conscience and self-respect are about as calloused as the operator of a French guillotine. We are talking about ruthless political racketeers, propagandists and character assassins who never hesitate to translate blood into ballots and defense bonds into boondoggling. ... Some of them are awfully close to the White House ..."

"We don't like the idea of Harry Hopkins being so powerful that every high official in the United States has to siphon his ideas through this siring Pink. ... We don't like the idea of Madam Litvinoff and Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff running around the country addressing a series of Red-sponsored rallies under the guise of Russian relief. ..."

"... we are not afraid or ashamed of the words 'America First' whether we are at war or at peace. ... We know that a set of highbinders in Washington are trying to sneak us back into the British Empire in the name of this so-called new world program ... We won't swallow that stuff; in fact The Cross and The Flag holds the conviction that if our President and his coordinates and the administration in Washington don't put a stop to such tricks our beautiful America will be made the victim of a paralyzing disunity which is exactly what we do not need in this awful hour."

(More)

We quote at such length from Smith's scurrilous, treasonable editorial because it has been incorporated in the Congressional Record of the United States at a time when the country is at war, and because Smith's current writings have won the endorsement of men who today occupy important positions as "representatives" of the American people.

As we disclosed in our article on Smith in our February 21, 1942 issue, Reynolds, Nye and Woodruff are not the only congressmen who have been cooperating with this scurvy Axis propagandist, who once bragged in a letter to his jailbird boss Pelley that he had organized "a uniformed squad of young men composing what I believe will be the first Silver Shirt stormtroop in America." Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, ex-Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia (recently accused of having cooperated with the paid Nazi agent, George Sylvester Viereck) and Representative Clare E. Hoffman were among the other congressmen we named as politicians with whom Smith has been in close touch.

The Hour asks: with the American people engaged in an all-out effort to defend the very existence of the nation against the fascist powers -- how long will United States Congressmen continue to assist Gerald L. K. Smith, henchman of the Axis foe?

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U. S. FIFTH COLUMN GREETS NEW HERO

Pro-Axis propagandists throughout the country are hailing a new hero. His name is David Baxter. Described in the March 19 issue of Nazi-phile E. J. Garner's weekly Publicity as a "California writer and artist," Baxter presents his views on the war in the same issue of the fascist publication in an interview which is front-paged under the four-column headline: "David Baxter Reviews Peace Offensive." A typical excerpt from this interview reads:

"Queried as to whether the American Administration would agree to any peace proposal, the artist, usually quiet and reserved, flared: 'No they wouldn't! They would rather run an all or nothing game and blow away the lives of half the people in America rather than sacrifice their cherished profit making and exploitation of every country on earth.'"

Baxter and the Social Republic Society

The Hour is informed that Fifth Columnist Baxter heads a secret organization called Social Republic Society of America, which is busily engaged in distributing treasonable propaganda aimed at undermining public morale and crippling the U. S. war effort, and even calling for an armed revolt against the U. S. Government. In its own literature, the society says of itself: "Only one little nationalist group, a social republic society, with headquarters in California, Chicago and New York, is preparing for revolution."

Baxter's group has all the familiar earmarks of those traitorous bands organized by the Nazis with the object of striking from within at this country during the course of the war. Mimicking their Nazi prototypes, Baxter's followers refer to themselves as "Soci's." The role for which they are being prepared is graphically indicated in a pamphlet con-

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taining a "Warning to district memberships," which states:

"Do not neglect your arsenals. Buy arms and keep them in a place where they are readily accessible. No immediate emergency foreseen, but there is no time to prepare like now. Also keep a plentiful supply of ammunition and do not let it become over a year old or it will deteriorate."

Every piece of literature disseminated by the Society -- and quantities of this literature have been going through the U.S. mails -- is filled with brazenly treasonable utterances. The war leadership of this nation is ridiculed and the endeavors of the Axis are praised. Here is a characteristic comment on the war: "We do not belong in Asia. Asia is not our part of the world. The Asiatics want a new order of their own for Asia, independent of British-American monopolists and property owners. ... We do not belong in Europe. The Europeans are tired of absentee British-American ownership and landlordism and desire a new order. Whether Hitler can give it to them is not our business."

The address of the treasonable Social Republic Society of America is Box 228, Colton, California.

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U. S. FIFTH COLUMN AND SATURDAY EVENING POST

U. S. Fifth Columnists, always eager to exploit a new piece of anti-Semitic propaganda, are making considerable use of Milton Mayer's article, "The Case Against the Jews," which appeared in the March 28 issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Christian Fronters in New York City were ordered to buy up as many copies as possible for purposes of distribution and reprinting. The Broom, pro-Nazi propaganda sheet published in San Diego, California, by the rabid anti-Semite C. Leon de Aryan, devoted almost the entire front page of its April 6 issue to praising Mayer's article and printing lengthy quotations from it. And in the current issue of Social Justice, now banned from the U. S. mails because of its seditious content, Coughlin gives his warm endorsement to Mayer's piece and urges his readers (i.e. The Christian Front) to thank the Saturday Evening Post and Mayer for their "just chastisement" of the Jews.

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BANNING OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

The banning from the mails of Father Coughlin's Social Justice comes as welcome news to every patriotic citizen eager to intensify the war effort of this nation. However, in order to eliminate completely the menace of this pro-Axis propaganda tabloid, Government authorities will have to suppress Social Justice. The Naziphile priest of Royal Oak has already made arrangements for his underground Christian Front followers to handle the continued distribution of his magazine.

Following the entry of the United States into the war, The Hour was the first publication to call for the suppression of Social Justice because of its seditious character. On January 21, in an article entitled "Treason In Royal Oak," we urged that "Social Justice be immediately suppressed and its files seized by the Department of Justice."

NOTE

Due to pressing writing commitments, the editor of The Hour finds it necessary to continue issuing this newsletter at fortnightly instead of weekly intervals, during the months of April and May.